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Gina Rodriguez is currently the Acting Executive Director of the Chicago Federal Executive Board, working across all federal agencies, representing more than 50,000 Federal employees in the Chicago metropolitan area. She is also the Regional Communications Director and Congressional Affairs Liaison at the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's Midwest Regional Office.

In this capacity she works with the HUD Regional Administrator and Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs serving as the primary point of contact for media across the six-state Region, elected officials, members of Congress and relevant public and private stakeholders. She has been detailed on numerous occasions to travel with former HUD Deputy Secretary Pamela Patenaude to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to interface with Spanish-language media and key government officials, associations and stakeholders in light of a historic \$20 billion disaster recovery investment following Hurricane Maria.

While in Washington, D.C., she previously served as Director of Latino Affairs and New Immigrant Populations in the Office of the Secretary in the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' (HHS) Intergovernmental and External Affairs. In that role she served as the liaison to White House (WH) Office of Public Engagement (OPE) and the White House Domestic Policy Council (DPC) and White House Cabinet Affairs on health-related issues impacting the elderly and disabled health and mental health stakeholder groups. She was responsible for the creation and effectuation of communications and outreach plans and established federal interagency workgroups and national coalitions, routinely engaging with key stakeholders and associations across the country.

Prior to joining the HHS Office of the Secretary, Gina was the Technical Director of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS), Consortium for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations working across all Regional Offices. While at CMS she developed national protocols to standardize and streamline oversight processes for audits. In approximately 12 years that she was with CMS, Gina was instrumental in providing national leadership for the effective oversight of §1915(c) Home and Community Based Waivers as a more cost-effective alternative to institutionalization.

During her time with the Midwest Latino Health Research, Training, and Policy Center at the University of Illinois-Jane Addams College of Social Work she co-authored a publication, ***"From Data to Social Action: A Case Study of Community-University Partnership for Environmental Justice,"*** published in the American Journal of Public Health. She presented preliminary findings at the National Institutes of Health and Bio-Chemist Association Annual Meetings in 1998 was included as a case study in several college courses including the University of Michigan and UNC Chapel Hill Public Health Curriculums.

Gina attained her Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, an M.B.A. in International Business and a second M.B.A. in Finance from the Dominican University and attended the John Marshall Law School.